

FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING SESSION

RAISE

Human Rights
Effect on
US action in IFIs;
Military Cooperation
Terrorism
Law of the Sea
Malvinas/Falklands
North/South
-- Common Fund
-- Debt
-- Oversight Mechanism
U.S./Argentine Mixed Economic Commission
Commodities
-- Sugar
-- Wheat
Middle East
Panama

THEY WILL RAISE

Bilateral Commission on Malnutrition
Technical Cooperation Among LDCs
US/Argentine Cooperation Against
Terrorism
US/Argentine Trade Relations
including Meat

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ECONOMIC ISSUES (FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING MEETING)

Bilateral

- Note absence any major issues; those few problems that do exist (subsidy complaints, threats against beef exports) are being handled in orderly and constructive manner.
- Express receptivity to Argentina proposal for US-Argentine Commission on Economic Relations - could be useful mechanism to deal with bilateral trade and investment issues which might arise.

Multilateral

- Welcome opportunity to have brief exchange about North-South issues.
- Note that, greatest contribution to meeting of problems of LDCs would be resumption of balanced economic growth in the major economies. This objective impeded by inflationary concerns and complicated by difficulties of adjusting to ever increasing oil prices.
- In meantime we seek pragmatic solutions to specific problems.
- Note efforts we made along with Argentines to reach Sugar Agreement. We expect to sign and seek ratification.
- Regret need for interim domestic sugar program which we intend to suspend as soon as Sugar Agreement becomes effective in bringing prices to minimum level.
- Note constructive efforts we are making in Common Fund negotiations to arrive at sensible approach which can be supported by both developed and developing countries.
- Comment that in field of debt we are seeking to deal with specific b/p problems of individual countries rather than to adopt generalized moratorium which would adversely affect interests of credit-worthy countries such as Argentina.

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- Mention our willingness to agree to appropriate oversight institution under UN if G-77 can agree among selves. Express hope that Argentina will take a leadership position on North/South issues reflecting its constructive moderate stance.

- Note importance of MTN and difficulties all countries will face next year in resisting spread of protectionism. Emphasize determination of US Administration both to resist protectionism and to bring MTN to successful conclusion next year. Express readiness to cooperate with Argentina on MTN generally just as we have been cooperating on negotiations for a new international wheat agreement.

MTN
perhaps
include in '78
ready to
cooperate
wheat agree

List of Prisoners:

Essential Factors: The Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy submitted a list of 7500 names to you for the purpose of seeking from the Argentine Government information on their status and prospects for release or due process. This group includes the National Council of Churches, the Washington Office of Latin America, the U.S. Catholic Conference, the Americans For Democratic Action and others. The list they submitted also includes the 3000 names previously turned over to the Argentine Foreign Ministry by the U.S. Embassy on direction of the Department. President Carter in his conversation with President Videla in September had informed Videla that we had received the original list and the Department would provide it to the Argentine Government. In addition, we have received a list of sixteen names from Senator Kennedy's office and twenty-three other names from family members, friends and human rights organizations. Senator Kennedy's office also asked you to urge that former Argentine President, Hector Campora, who is currently in refuge at the Mexican Embassy in Buenos Aires, be allowed to leave the country as soon as possible. While the Campora case has political overtones because of his opposition to the current regime, humanitarian considerations argue for your raising it.

Points to be made:

-- We have received a list of 7500 names from a coalition of human rights groups in the United States of persons alleged to have been detained or disappeared.

-- This list includes the 3000 names previously submitted by our Embassy at the direction of the President.

-- We cannot vouch for the accuracy of these names either but would appreciate whatever response you may be able to provide for the family and friends who are concerned.

-- We will provide the list to the Foreign Ministry.

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-- In response to a letter from Senator Kennedy, there are sixteen names which have been added to the list. Senator Kennedy also requested that I note the continuing concern with regard to the status of former President Hector Campora in the Mexican Embassy. Permission to leave the country obviously would be welcomed by many people in the international community.

-- Others, including human rights organizations and Congressional offices, have submitted 23 other names to me, which I have included on the list.

-- In all of these cases, we obviously would hope to be able to respond first with information on their status, if they are detained and what their future situation will be and then hopefully to be able to report that they have been released.

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